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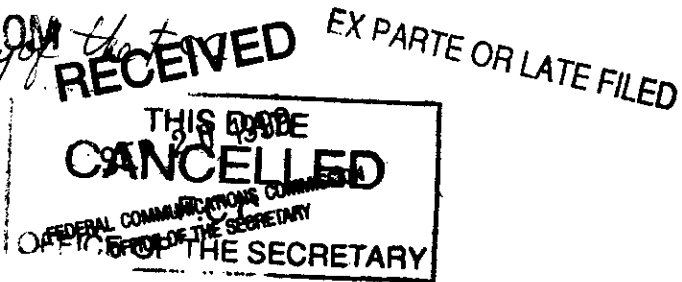
Dear FCC: I URGE THE LEGALIZATION OF NON-COMMERCIAL, ONE-OWNER, COMMUNITY-BASED LOW POWER FM. AND AM. RADIO. WITHOUT THESE LOW POWER RADIO STATIONS, THE U.S. WILL CONTINUE TO MOVE AWAY FROM THE PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY UPON WHICH THIS NATION WAS FOUNDED, AND COULD EASILY MOVE IN THE DIRECTION OF TOTALITARIANISM.

AS A WHOLE, THE BROADCAST MEDIA ARE BECOMING CONCENTRATED INTO THE HANDS OF FEWER AND FEWER PEOPLE, WHOSE INTEREST IS CLEARLY IN PROFIT AND POWER FOR THEMSELVES, AND TO CONTROL PUBLIC OPINION. THE COMMUNITY INTEREST IS NOT NECESSARILY THE INTEREST OF THE FEW WHO NOW OWN LICENSED STATIONS ACROSS THE U.S.A., ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY LIVE FAR FROM THE COMMUNITIES THAT THEY SERVE. THE CURRENT LICENSEES HAVE NOT BEEN ADEQUATELY KEEPING THE PUBLIC INFORMED ABOUT ALL POINTS OF VIEW, NOR ABOUT MATTERS OF LOCAL CONCERN. FOR EXAMPLE, DURING ELECTION SEASON, THE VAST MAJORITY OF RADIO STATIONS GIVE LITTLE OR NO COVERAGE OF THE MANY CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE WHO DO NOT RUN ON THE DEMOCRATIC OR REPUBLICAN TICKETS. INFORMATION IS CONTROLLED BY WHOMEVER HAS THE MOST MONEY.
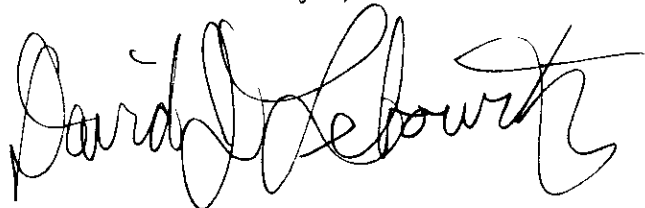
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Important aspects of various issues are often under-reported or ignored, while other aspects are overemphasized, and minor points dwelled upon at length, in order to manipulate public opinion, rendering our democracy a sham (and that's a shame).

Locally-controlled, non-profit, narrowcast radio stations would be in a better position and far more likely to give coverage regarding issues of local concern. Additional benefits will include music, entertainment, points of view, commentary, and educational programs, that are not currently available to most of the public on the nation's currently licensed stations.

So by all means, LEGALIZE MICRO-RADIO.

Sincerely yours,

David J. Lebowitz

C-C. Senators Boxer and Feinstein
     Rep. Pelosi